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& \text { the many bewildering crosways of the } \\
& \text { world, amid the chang ging and confict- }
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$$ ag opinions and designs of men intot the realm of unclouded day. Truth is that

cardinal virtue which deals mith equity | cardinal virtue which deals with equity |
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| in al the thairs oflife. It it sthe opposite | of digususe and hypocrisy and is a vital

rincipleof every community which is principle' of every community which is
well founded among men. In the lanthare or anothers: Among the people
 ty, and execute the same with fidily, and who observe the golden rule of
"doing to others as they woold have others do to trem","sche a peopple mey seek atifer turth. Trutt entemest und
ascertain what virtue is and suides us ascertain what virtue is and guides us
int the personal possession of fit. Truth
in is essentially the only foundation of con-
fidence, and confidence is the only bond of $\begin{aligned} & \text { association among the mise, the good, } \\ & \text { and } \\ & \text { ane } \\ & \text { the }\end{aligned}$ intiligent. It mingles
$\qquad$ of love. Its robe is the spotless vest-
vent of sincerity, snow white and lustrous it is an attribute of Deity, and has:
been made attainable to man that hic ce might be bessed and improved. e. wil might the natural worna
mo without the un as mithout
ruth. In such a case all would be
 nould be certain results. Il whatever aspect we may view Odd-
ellowship, the purity of its character and the benerolence of its design should
disarm all disenting criticisism and invite Maram all dissenting criticism andinvite
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There
on no vice in all the black catalogue of
rrime but what it specifcally or im-
oliedly condemus ad pliedly condemss, and no virtue mhich
adorns and blesses mankind but mhat is enjoined with proper encouragement
apon all who enter the mystic circle of Odan all wiowsip. Iter sine myperance e e eve vice
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fatal to Mankind? The teachings of the order, as well as its rules moot emphati-
cally condemn this destructive vice. Do calty condemn this destructive vice. Do
dishonesty and intrige work ijury to

our race? Are the impure practices of | the libertine a blighting curse to com- |
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| munity? Yes and $\begin{array}{l}\text { might mention }\end{array}$ | munity? Yes, and 1 might mention

many others that are positively opposite
to the spiritit and trachinings of the 1.0 . O. F. Those whoasapire to tite hoorors
and privieges learn most impressively, and privileges learn most impressively,
heforer they reach the highter positions
opened before them that vice finds no pened before them, that Mie Einds ${ }^{\text {no }}$
 not losit to all sense of shame, will feel ill
it ease, and much out of place while at ease, and much out of place while
listening to the impressive lessons, and going through the ceremoniessonithin the Neced enclosure of the Lodge roomi,
Dees some one akk, Have you not within the ranks of your fraternity no immoral
or dishonest people? It mould be strange or dishonest people? It mould be strange
indeed if none such could be found hearingede neneme and wearing the bad dges of
indfellomship. Into all good oociet? Odiellowship. Into all good society.
hroughout the world, and through ail past time, evil menan and seducerrs have by some means found an entrance. Even
the twelve Apostles, while the Master we welve Apostes, while the master
wes mith them, had 2 Judes among
them, and all bodies have been cursed with hypocrites, "wearing the livery of heaven to serve the devil in". But the
(alse ones, professing the truth, and ralae onces, profecsing the truth, and
standing among the sacremental hosts
of God, de ont pove the of God, do not prove that the bodies to
mhich they belong are either bad or untrue. They are the counterfeits that
prove the genuineness of the fintitution prove the genuineness of the instiution
they
can sarepresent and and diserrace can sid without fear of succestal con
rudiction that no man \#ho lives up to the teachings of the Order of Oddfellows
can be an immoral man or a bad citizen. Upon the other hand I fafirm that Virtue, in aif it rydiant forms is condanty
taught most impresive and beautiful
illostrations. The social relations of life illustrations. The social relations of life
can but be benefitted by the principles can but be benefitted by the principles
of Friendship. Lovena Truth
oy thoues brotherly offices which guard with vigi-
ance, council with affection and relieve with liberality, those molo arde in need. Man is enimentyly social being. He
will in some form connect himself with will in some form connect himself with
his selloms. It may be in the debating his tellows. It may be in the debating
society or the club, or something inf ini. tely worse. There are many associstions that are not well guarded from the dib-
oolute and the designing, and hence are not safo places for the inexperienced And for the want of proper companion,
many a young man has gone domn in many a young man has gone down in
sin and been lost to most loving friendo who had high hopes for his tuture. the midat of the attrative saneres of the
world, and their powerful inflenece for world, and their powerful influences for
evil, theoddifellows Lodgef furnisthes safe erili, theOddelllows L.odge furnistses a safe
retreat, for in them are taught that which tetreat, for in them are taught that whic
shonest, lovely, and of good report \#here vices are called by their right esand uterety conded byed.jend
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